

BITCH CRITIQUE

Critique for The South West Whippet Club Championship Show 17th February 2019
- Whippet Bitches

It was nice to be asked to judge at this Show and I would like to thank my 2 able Stewards for their help. It's a year, or two since I've judged Whippets, generally they were all clean and well-presented but I am concerned by the number of bitches who have bad bites, and/or weak underjaws which is very undesirable in a Hound. Whatever your views on the original purpose of the Breed, today's animals should still be fit for their purpose and upright fronts, and over-angulated rears are not consistent with this. Nor is excessive size. Having said this, there were a lot of beautiful specimens shown today, many of which had to go unplaced.

Veteran Bitch (14,1) - 1 & Best Veteran in Show - Boughton-White's Ch. Whiptails Happiness and Joy at Ipanema an elegant fawn bitch, just into Veteran, good head shape and expression, well-constructed quarters moved very soundly. 2 - Mycroft's Ch. Supeta's Eclipse Fawn and white. Very similar to the winner, but not quite as positive in front. Otherwise a sound mover. 3 - Severn's Deljorhea Dream Racer at Nattah

Minor Puppy Bitch (11,0) - 1, Best Bitch Puppy and Best Puppy in Show - Mcconkey's Barmoll Butterfly Flip Brindle and white of beautiful size. Very correct in front construction with good depth, strong quarters. Moved really well for one so young. 2 - Leathart's Ringmore Hecate Pale fawn, would have liked a little more pigment, but correct size, construction and movement gave her, her placing. 3 - Head's Demerlay Magical Mitzi

Puppy Bitch (11,3) - 1 - Robertson's Moonlake Medium Blonde A beautiful fawn bitch, oozing quality from head to tail. Very sound on the move. Shown in excellent condition. A little less settled on the move in the challenge for Best Puppy. 2 - Wilson & Winkley-Balmer's Edenwhip Grange Fell at Willowash Fawn bitch, a nice type with good head and expression, moved a little wider in front, nice hindquarters. So should improve with age. 3 - Head's Demerlay Strawberry Ice

Junior Bitch (10,0) - 1 - Turnbull's Turnstone Red Hot Diva Fawn with white markings. Lovely head, dark eyes, neat ears. Correct front and rear construction. Moved extremely well. 2 - Jones' Jothryn Blondes Av More Fun Very similar to the winner in quality, but a darker fawn. Sweet head and expression. A little happy with her ears. Moved well. 3 - Howgate & Hull's Palmik Queen of Diamonds

Yearling Bitch (6,3) - 1 - Gillespie's Penbriar for Pleasure Black bitch with beautiful head, nice dark eye and good front. Would like a little more length. Shown in good hard condition. 2 - Bennett's Alamayn Elegance Brindle and white, shown in good condition. 3 - Lindley's Jazzellie Once in a Blue Moon

Novice Bitch (9,1) - 1 - Groucott's Addfwyn Sweet Charity A very lovely fawn bitch, shown in great condition. Lovely head, dark eye, true front construction, good feet. Strong quarters. Good on the move. Considered her for Res CC. 2 - Jones' Glantam Gabrielle of Galemira Darker fawn, similar to the winner, but not as good in head as

would have preferred a stronger underjaw. Otherwise a very nice Whippet. 3 – Leathart's Ringmore Hecate

Special Beginners Bitch (5,0) – 1 – Jones' Glasrhedyn Lady Loves Me for Galemira Fawn and white parti of very good size. Nice head and expression. Good front and rear construction, neat feet. Moved well. 2 – Goff's Pagarni's Imitation Game Dark fawn, a nice type of bitch, unfortunate to meet the winner. 3 – Severn's Nattah Venus's One Dream

Graduate Bitch (6,0) – 1 – A Sweet Charity 2 – Baulch's Whisterfield Je ne Sais Quoi Unfortunate to meet the winner. Another lovely bitch, moving well. 3 – G Gabrielle of Galemira

Postgraduate Bitch (19,8) – 1 – Fisher's Marleben Dream Mover A beautiful bitch, oozing quality shown in the best of conditions. Really good construction front and rear, moving well. 2 – Peacock's Drakeoak Hot Toddy Fawn with white trim, another lovely bitch, but just preferred the winner's length in loin. 3 – Richards-Healion's Clynecourt Colour Me Classy

Mid Limit Bitch (11,1) – 1 – Turnbull's Turnstone Mamma Mia Smoky fawn bitch in beautiful condition. Feminine head with lovely dark eye, neat ears and good neck. Powerful front and rear and through the ribcage. Moving well. 2 – G Lady Loves Me for Galemira 3 – Julian's Blondessa be Happy

Limit Bitch (22, 5) – What a lovely class of quality bitches, many sadly unplaced 1 & Res CC – Morris, Waddell & Mycroft's Crosscrop Let It Shine for Supeta A lovely, quality bitch with very feminine head, beautiful neck and lay of shoulder, good top line, ribcage and hindquarters. Moved soundly, with ease. 2 – Wood's Ardencote Aiming High Pushed very hard for first place, but just preferred the front extension of the winner. Another truly beautiful bitch. 3 – Howgate & Hull's Palmik Misty Eve

Open Bitch (11,3) – 1, CC, Res BIS and BOS – Howgate & Hull's Ch. Palmik En Vogue Blue fawn bitch of beautiful breed type. Correct size moving effortlessly with good extension fore and aft. Constructed in every way as a Whippet should be. 2 – Yacoby-Wright's Cobyco Candy Creme Another very beautiful bitch sharing many of her qualities, but preferred the size of the winner. 3 – Lempereur's Multi Ch. Blue Springs Irish Mist

Special Lure Coursing or Racing Bitch (13,2) – 1 – Doherty & Van Der Schaaf's Crème Anglaise's La Colle Noire Brindle and white of excellent size, good muscular condition. I'm sure she can move like the clappers. 2 – Severn's N Venus's One Dream Brindle and white parti, shown in good muscular condition. 3 – Reese's Millingtondale Mercury

Judge – Angela Randall